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General enquiries.

Investigations in connection with the cards found in possession of the deceased have failed to provide information that would lead to the arrest of the person/s responsible for the offence. These cards which are from other members of the Labour Union, Mantao, and also from persons connected with other unions such as the "Tailors Society", "Bamboo Works" Society, indicate that deceased was involved in political organisations.

Papers found in possession of deceased concern the delivery of coal and dismissed labour, but no addresses were written upon these papers.

Since forwarding Diary No. 2, an anonymous letter was received at Police Headquarters stating that the murder was committed due to internecine trouble amongst the members of the Labour Union and it is possible that this was the reason for the assassination. This letter is now attached to file.

Detectives are making further enquiries in connection with the offence and a further report will be submitted.

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Public Mortuary.
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At 10 a.m. on the 18-3-41 before Procurator Tsant Tsoong Zu inquest was held upon deceased at the Public Mortuary when the following decision was rendered:-

"Death due to gunshot wounds. Body to be removed by deceased wife Woo Van Sz for burial."

Woo Van Sz (胡漢民) wife of deceased, residing at No. 8 Yoong Ziang Li (榮祥里) Soong Sih Ka (宋雪街) Nantao attended the inquest having read of the occurrence in the morning newspapers.

This female upon being interrogated stated that her husband was a member of Labour Union in Nantao sponsored by the Reformed Government. Witness denied knowledge of the reason for the Assassination, stating that to her knowledge her husband had not been threatened by any person.

From translations in the morning dailies (Chinese) it was observed that deceased was a member of the Labour Union Readjustment Committee and due to his activities in connection with this, also the political nature of his employment, it can be assumed that the reason for the assassination was political.

The activities of deceased as a member of



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this committee are emphasized by the cards found in his possession and further enquiries are being made concerning these, and will be subject of a further report.

The Finger Print Bureau representative attended the inquest.

The Court Doctor conducted examination of the body, recovering a second bullet from the head slightly below the right ear, point of entry being just above the nape of the neck. Deceased was only struck once, the second shot fired only entering his clothing, both bullets forwarded to the Arms Identification Section for examination.

Investigations are proceeding.

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9.57 p.m.-12 m.m.
17-3-41.

Scene of offence.
Lester Chinese Hospital.
Det. Office.

Mi Ya Ching Road near Fankong Road.

9.50 p.m. 17-3-41.

9.57 p.m. 17-3-41. by telephone (M.P.C. 675).

M.M.C./E.M.P.

Unknown.



Nil.

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- A. 9.50 p.m. 17-3-41.
 - B. Lying on back upon the pavement, head overhanging the curb.
 - C. Gunshot wounds in back of head.
 - D. Unknown.

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A male Chinese was shot by some unknown person/s.

At 8.57 p.m. on the 17-3-41 S.P.C. 675 on traffic duty at the Hanking Road, Yu Ya Ching Road intersection, reported to Station by telephone, that a male Chinese had been shot on Yu Ya Ching Road. The Station alarm was sounded resulting in the Officer in charge, D.S.I. Wilkinson, D.S. Deaville and Rimmer, C.D.S.s 343, 161 and C.D.Cs. 88, 108 and 234 and Uniform Police attending the scene, this party being joined by parties from Central and Chengta Road Stations and the Reserve Unit.

Arrival at the scene revealed a male Chinese shot dead, lying upon the east pavement of Yu Ya Ching Road, twenty yards north of Hanking Road, opposite the entrance to the Sun Company, the man lying upon his back with head overlapping the curb. The Fire Brigade Ambulance was called upon to attend and the victim removed to the Lester Chinese Hospital, a doctors certificate stating:-

"Brought in dead".

Prior to the arrival of the ambulance, search of the deceased obtained a pass, personal cards and a chop, revealing the victim to be one named

Woo Tsun Ling (胡水庭) 40, native of Pootung, residing at No. 12 Tsun Tse Si (同濟西行) Pootung.

and a badge found in his possession revealed him to be a member of the Shanghai Labour Union, address unknown, but believed to operate from Shanghai.

Personal effects found upon deceased were as

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follows:-

1 wallet containing cards, various papers,
1 Post dated cheque for \$300.00 (signed by
the victim), \$4.03 in cash and one fountain pen.

Investigations in the vicinity failed to locate any witnesses to the offense and it was not ascertained if deceased was in company with friends at the time of the shooting.

Search of the vicinity failed to locate likely suspects and no empty cartridge cases were located, this being later accounted for after a visit to the hospital, a .32 Calibre Revolver bullet being found in the clothing of deceased, who also appeared to have been shot twice in the back of the head.

S.P.C. 675 who reported the occurrence was interrogated, and he stated that he had heard the sound of two shots being fired but had failed to observe any person running from the scene. This officer had proceeded to the place of shooting and, after observing the victim had made report to this Station.

G.P.C. 2927 on traffic duty at the Hanking Road, Ya Ya Ching Road intersection was also interrogated, but this officer had failed to hear the shots or observe likely suspects.

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Due to the absence of witnesses and information concerning the offence, the motive is at present obscure. Further enquiries are being made which might clarify this point, these being based upon papers found upon deceased, including various cards and telephone numbers. A further diary will be submitted regarding these investigations.

The body of deceased was removed to the Public Mortuary pending inquest on the 18-3-41, when a request will be made for other bullets still in the body. The bullet recovered will be forwarded to the Arms Identification Section for examination.

The "Rising Plan" system was operated upon initial report, being cancelled at 10.20 p.m.

Message was circulated regarding the occurrence.

All senior officers were informed.

Investigations are proceeding.

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